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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Cotton ginners organization at Dallas, Tex., voted down a resolution providing for a decreased cotton acreage next year. —— A general meeting of hard yarn spinners is to be held in Charlotte, N. C., January 5th. —— Rev. A. W. Knight will be consecrated as Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church to-day in Atlanta. —— Three children lost their lives by fire in Elberton, Ga. —— The cross-examination of Nan Patterson was continued all day yesterday. —— Mrs. Chadwick was in the bankruptcy court at Cleveland yesterday, but excused from testifying. —— Fourteen persons were caught in the collapse of a building and eight of them were killed at Minneapolis, Minn. —— Two banks at Conneaut, O., have suspended, resulting from runs since the exposure of the Chadwick matter. —— A powerful Japanese squadron is prepared to attack the Russian Baltic squadron. —— Two British steamers have been seized by Japanese with contraband of war. —— Indians on Tiburon island, off the coast of Sonora, Mexico, are on the war path again. —— Four men were killed by a boiler explosion in Columbia county, Pennsylvania. —— John Collins, of Wilmington, N. C., is one of the six men held in Baltimore, Md., charged with bank robbery. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was quoted steady at 2½@3 per ct.; cotton—the market was quiet at 7.70c; flour was quiet and unchanged; wheat—spot barely steady, No. 2 red $1.17¼c.; corn—spot easy, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot dull; mixed, 26@32c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 52@58c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 30; 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 50 degrees; minimum 30 degrees; mean 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.63 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday; fresh west winds.

Port Almanac--December 21.

Sun Rises	7.07 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 59 M.
High Water at Southport	6. 7 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	9. 7 A. M.

With a couple who gets married during the Yule Tide it will always be a case of Yule tied.

The males in the United States have a majority of more than $1,600,000 over the fameles, However, the minority rules.

The Washington Post thinks there is "an opening for real statesmen" at Washington. Most of 'em get in it, too, and never come out.

Says the Chicago Record-Herald: "Dr. Chadwick announces that he is coming back to face his wife's critics." Humph! It looks like the whole family does business on its face.

Says the Washington Post: "Publishers announce that there is an unprecedented demand for fairy tales." Married women could easily supply the demand if they will part with those garnered in from husbands who stay out late.

In Connecticut a legislative candidate who wished to be courteous to his opponent cast his vote for him. His opponent was elected by just one vote. Had he voted for himself he would have been a self-made man.

A New Jersey man who has been blind for 42 years has regained his sight without treatment and can see as well as he ever could. The case is regarded little short of a miracle. He is a little behind on seeing but we'll bet he will now make up for lost time by rubber-necking from the best stand on the corner.

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, of Oregon, left Washington Sunday night for Portland, to appear before the Federal grand jury and face charges implicating them in land frauds. They say they are innocent but it remains for the jury to say how innocent they are.

A man in Danville, Va., while walking with a pretty girl, suddenly seized her and indulged himself in various and sundry kisses and squeezes. She had him hauled up in court and his plea was a case of mistaken identity. Why didn't he put in for an emotional alibi, as he could have easily proven that he was in the tenth heaven at the time of the alleged ecstatics.

A dispatch from Macon states that freight rates from Ohio river points to Columbus, Athens, Macon and Augusta, in Georgia, and to Opelika and Eufaula, in Alabama, have been reduced several cents on nearly all classes. It is also stated that a similar reduction in rates from Northern and Eastern points has been made. Where does Wilmington come in for its Christmas?

The prices will be according to the quality, and quality guaranteed. I am trying to please the public with the best to be had on the market. J. T. Burke, Jeweler.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Star returns thanks to the Home Brewing Co. for two handsome calendars for 1905.

— A fine display of tropical fruits is being made in the show windows of the Wilmington Grocery Co.

— Some attractive real estate offerings are made by Mr. W. M. Cumming in the Business Locals of to-day's Star.

— Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, this evening at 8 o'clock. Murchison Bank building. All are invited.

— An emergent communication of Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. will be held to-night for work in the Fellow Craft degree.

— British steamer "Petunia," Capt. Frankland, cleared yesterday, light, for Pensacola, Fla., having completed discharging cargo of fertilizers here.

— Blocks have been placed on the ground by Contractor Glenn, preparatory to paving the corner around J. Sartor's store at Front and Princess streets.

— Norwegian bark "Fram," Capt. Andersen, arrived from Cape Town, South Africa, yesterday, and will receive cargo of naval stores from Murchison & Co.

— Fayetteville Observer: "Secretary Ross informs us that the name of Col. W. S. Cook was inadvertently omitted yesterday from the list of delegates to the Interstate Water Route Convention."

— Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, lately of Raleigh but now pastor of Market Street M. E. church, this city, will speak to men at the Y. M. C. A. meeting, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All men are invited.

— By deeds filed for record yesterday, Matthew O. West and wife transferred to William W. Wright, for $300, property in Cape Fear township, consisting of eight acres of land on the W. & W. railroad.

— The defendant has closed his case in the hearing of the matter of City of Wilmington vs. E. K. Bryan et al. before Referee Eugene S. Martin, and the plaintiff will begin the introduction of testimony Friday at 10 A. M.

— Miss Allee Skinner, daughter of Capt. W. W. Skinner, No. 714 South Fifth street, has smallpox and the residence was quarantined by the Health Department yesterday. Five members of the family are detained with Miss Skinner.

— Mr. S. A. L. Johnson, of Abbottsburg, is reported to have killed last week the two largest hogs ever raised in this section. The smaller weighed 700 pounds and the larger was about 200 pounds heavier.

— An oil stove started a small fire in the green grocery of Mr. Eli Batson, 215 Market street, yesterday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. The Department responded to an alarm, but the damage was only trifling.

— The alarm of fire from box 54 at 7:33 P. M. yesterday was on account of a small blaze, caused by sparks from a chimney at 1220 Storman's alley, owned by Mrs. Albert Wessell and occupied by Chas. McMillan, colored. The damage was trifling.

— Pythians in good standing all over the city and all visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend the exercises upon the occasion of the presentation of veteran's jewels to seventeen members of the order at Castle Hall, over the Murchison National Bank, to-night.

— The Latta railroad case was to have been argued before the Supreme Court in Columbia Monday, but on account of the absence of two of the justices the case was postponed until January 9th. The postponement was made on the ground that the matter of stopping the Coast Line train at that point involved a constitutional question and that it would be best to have all of the Supreme Court present.

Mrs. Effie Young Grant.

Mrs. Effie Young Grant, widow of the late John Grant, passed away at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home, No. 910 Chesnut street, after a lingering illness with consumption. Mrs. Grant was a good Christian woman and was resigned when the summons came. She was in the 39th year of her age and leaves to mourn their loss, one child, two brothers, Messrs. George and Fred Howland, and one sister, Mrs. Leslie. The funeral will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the remains will be laid to rest in Bellevue.

Audit and Finance Board.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was held last night, but the only business transacted was the examination and approval of bills for current expenses. Members present were Messrs. S. P. McNair, Jesse Wilder and J. A. Orrell. Chairman McQueen was somewhat indisposed and telephoned that he would be unable to be present at the meeting.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Business College.
G. R. French & Sons—Useful.
Masonic—Meeting Wil. Lodge.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

W. M. Cumming—For rent.
W. M. Cumming—For sale.
W. M. Cumming—House for sale.
Mechanics' Home Ass'n—New stock.
Sheriff Brunswick Co.—Tax notice.

MOTOR CAR WRECK.

Automobile of Mr. B. H. Bridgers Plunged Down Embankment on the Turnpike.

THE MACHINE DEMOLISHED.

Occupants, Including Owner and the Misses Bridgers, Escaped With No Serious Injury--Turned to Save Farmer's Vehicle—Notes.

Speeding up the turnpike from Wrightsville Sound at a rate of between fifteen and twenty miles an hour, being driven by the owner and occupied by his sisters, Misses Lucy and Ernestine Bridgers, the fine, twenty four horse power touring car of Mr. Burke H. Bridgers was wrecked yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock half a mile below the second toll house and four miles below Wilmington. Although the body of the big two-thousand pound machine and three of its wheels were almost completely demolished, the automobile having rushed down a seven foot embankment, not one of the occupants was seriously hurt, though all were thrown out and badly shaken up.

Mr. Bridgers is accounted an expert chauffeur and had perfect control of his machine, the accident being due to no dereliction on his part, but rather to his inclination to risk his machine and the safety of his passengers, rather than very seriously imperil the lives of a farmer and his little son who were seated in a cart to which was attached a fractious horse, blocking the clear half of the road to which the automobile would ordinarily have been entitled. The horse and cart were coming from Wilmington and the motor car in an opposite direction from the sound. The two met on the turnpike leading through a meadow about half a mile beyond the second toll house, the embankment there being seven or eight feet high. The drivers of each turn-out noted the approach of the other, the automobile having sounded the alarm far down the road. The farmer had turned out to the right and Mr. Bridgers had done likewise. However, as the automobile came on, the horse took fright and attempted to turn round, blocking the entire road with the exception of a narrow way at the outer edge of which a small pine tree stood. Mr. Bridgers steered his car clear of the horse but in passing the tree the hub of a hind wheel struck, throwing the front of the machine to the right and heading it down the embankment. It shot down like an arrow, striking and breaking down another pine sapling by the wayside and throwing all the occupants out. The big machine had turned half way round and stopped instantly headed back toward the road, its machinery still. Mr. Bridgers, who suffered only a slight bruise of the knee, at once turned his attention to his sisters, little Miss Ernestine, having escaped without a scratch. Miss Lucy Bridgers suffered a severe nervous shock and fainted under the excitement but was very soon removed to the home of the toll house keeper, a short distance away, where she was soon revived. In the meantime Col. and Mrs. W. J. Cotton passed that way and rendered assistance. Very soon Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy came down in response to a telephone message and a little later the Misses Bridgers came home in a carriage, Col. Cotton and Mr. Bridgers having come to the city for one as soon as Dr. Bellamy arrived. Both were reported as doing exceedingly well last evening at their home on South Third street.

The wrecked automobile was brought up late yesterday afternoon by Mr. Frank Herbst, of the Carolina Automobile Works. It presented a very dilapidated appearance and will require several hundred dollars for its repair, though none of the machinery was damaged. As usual in such cases there were many exaggerated reports of the wreck in the city last night and philosophers were wont to stand on the street corners and discourse on the dangers of automobiling, but the accident was construed by the greater portion of those who heard the circumstances as an example of the harmlessness of the recreation even under the most adverse conditions. Many commended Mr. Bridgers for his regard for the driver of the other vehicle and congratulated him upon the fact that the consequences of his self sacrifice were not serious for himself nor the other occupants of the car.

Pender Man Died Suddenly.

News reached the city last night of the sudden death of Mr. Wm Player, a highly respected citizen of Pender county, which occurred at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, four miles from Burgaw. Mr. Player died instantly and heart disease is thought to have been the cause. He was about 65 years of age and was a veteran of the Civil War. He leaves a wife and two children, both grown. A son of the deceased, Mr. John Player, was in the city last night on a business trip and relatives of the family here were attempting to find him, but had not succeeded at a late hour.

Baby Show.

We want every one in Wilmington to be present at the Baby Show this afternoon at four o'clock in the Parish house of St. James' church, Market street. A handsome doll, dressed in hand made clothes, will be the prize for the most beautiful girl baby, and a lovely china set for the handsomest boy baby. Ice Cream, Cake, Candy and Pickles will be served for five cents only! The admission fee will be five cents. Some of the little "tots" will dance and sing. Come promptly at four o'clock. The "Busy Bees" of 1884.

ROBBED ORPHANS' MITE BOX.

Thief Stole Four Dollars from Receptable for Children's Home at Greensboro in Ahrens' Drug Store.

An ordinary command of language, printable in a decent newspaper fails in adequate terms to portray the character or picture the black heart of a thief who entered the drug store of Mr. Adolph G. Ahrens, on Princess street, night before last and robbed a mite box for the North Carolina Orphan's Home at Greensboro of something over four dollars. The robbery was accomplished about 10 o'clock, just before closing time, while Mr. Ahrens was engaged behind the prescription counter and unable to see the front of the store.

The mite box is in the shape of a tiny wood cradle, with a placard bearing the picture of an orphan tot with outstretched arms in an appeal for a Christmas offering through a slot in the top of the enclosed cradle. Lately the mute appeal of the child on the box had been very effective with the large number of people who visit the store daily, the receptacle having been given a prominent place on the cigar stand and the Christmas-tide having softened the hearts of many who are ordinarily indifferent to charity. There were one or more dollar bills in the tray, half-dollar pieces and quarters, plainly in view through glass sides to the cradle. It was this which tempted the avarice of the heartless scoundrel who withdrew the screws from the end of the wooden cradle and took out the largest contributions, leaving a few nickels and dimes for fear the jingling of the smaller coin would attract the attention of Mr. Ahrens behind the counter in the rear of the store. The money is taken from the boxes periodically by Supt. W. B. Streeter, who applies the fund to the maintenance of the worthy institution. This time his collection will be about $4 short, but if Mr. Ahrens follows a clue upon which he is now working, the thief will perhaps find it necessary to spend four times four dollars to escape the penitentiary.

GREAT NEED OF REFORMATORY.

Case in Point Right Here in Wilmington. John Henry Cunningham.

John Henry Cunningham, a street waif, whose pitiable case has given the authorities much trouble of late, was before Justice Fowler yesterday on the charge of the larceny of a bicycle from another young white boy. Young Cunningham is only 11 years of age and has not yet reached the age of accountability, therefore he had to be discharged upon a restoration of the property. The pity is that there is not some reformatory or house of correction to which young Cunningham could be sent. He is a bright, little fellow, is repentant at times and may have in him the making of a good and useful citizen. He has several times been before the courts, but nothing could be done with him according to law, and each repetition of the petty offences of which he has been guilty and from which he necessarily had to be discharged, has had the effect of hardening him in crime. The pity is that there is not some home to which he could be sent and encouraged to the higher life. In the case in hand yesterday, the boy abandoned the wheel and took the lamp off to exchange for a hatchet, which he took and went to the country to cut holly and other Christmas decorations.

BEFORE THE MAYOR YESTERDAY.

Two Plain Drunks and Grant Brown, Who Shot at Railroad Watchman.

Besides the case of Grant Brown, colored, charged with shooting at A. C. L. Watchman C. W. Watkins, there were only two plain drunks for the consideration of Mayor Springer in the police court yesterday. One of the defendants submitted and both were let off with the minimum fine of $5 and costs.

Grant Brown, who is understood to be an all round bad negro, was arraigned on the charge of an assault with a deadly weapon and was represented by Brooke G. Empie, Esq. The evidence was entirely circumstantial. Some one shot at the watchman Saturday night and Brown was seen running away from the place about the same time by a young man named Cox. A pistol was found on the ground the next morning at the spot from which Brown was seen to run. The negro went to jail in default of $100 bond for his appearance in the higher court.

Will Wed This Afternoon.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. T. Parker, No. 319 Queen street, Miss Florence L. Bowden, the attractive young daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Bowden, will be married to Mr. R. A. Cromwell, formerly a popular young member of the Wilmington Fire Department but now associated with the Messrs. Hutaff in the Cocoa Cola Bottling Works. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and a number of friends will be present to witness the happy event.

Big Slump in Cotton.

There was a big slump in the cotton market again yesterday, New York spot having gone off 20 points, closing steady at 7.70. The local market was quoted only nominal, but it is safe to say that ordinary grades would not bring here over seven cents. Receipts yesterday were only 238 bales against 2,010 same day last season. The local spirits turpentine market yesterday was firm at 49½.

CAPT. DENHAM HERE.

Popular Second Division Superintendent, Who Comes to A. C. L. in Wilmington.

ONCE WITH THE W., C. & A.

Identified With Railroad Work Since 1870 and Highly Esteemed in Savannah. Mr. M. Riddell, His Successor, from Richmond, Va.

Capt. W. B. Denham, general superintendent of the second division of the Atlantic Coast Line, whose transfer from Savannah to Wilmington to become chief assistant to Fourth Vice President and General Manager Jno. R. Kenly, has been noted in these columns, spent yesterday in the city in conference with A. C. L. officials at headquarters, returning south in the afternoon on his private car. It is expected that Capt. Denham will be here early next week to take up his new duties. The Savannah Morning News of yesterday, in noting the changes incident to Capt. Denham's transfer here, says:

"An important change in railroad circles, effective January 1, will be the retirement from the position of general superintendent, Atlantic Coast Line, of Capt. William B. Denham.

"He is now in Wilmington, to which place he will be transferred as assistant to Fourth Vice President J. R. Kenly. Capt. Denham left here yesterday morning.

"Mr. Morton Riddell, assistant chief engineer since last June, is slated to succeed Mr. Denham. Mr. Riddell, before coming to Savannah, was a district superintendent, stationed at Richmond, Va.

"The departure of Capt. Denham and family from Savannah will be a matter of regret to many friends. He is popular among his subordinates and is an efficient railway man.

"Capt. Denham's railway career began in 1870, when as a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he entered the service of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad as assistant engineer. Later he was employed with the Southern Express Company, afterwards becoming associated with the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad in the capacity of civil engineer. Afterwards he was appointed assistant superintendent of the St. John and Lake Eustis Railway.

"From there he went to the Florida Southern Railroad as superintendent, which place he filled with such credit that he received the appointment of general superintendent of the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway. He went from this service to the Plant system, being stationed at Gainesville, Fla., as superintendent of the fourth and sixth divisions. On Feb. 1, 1900, he came to Savannah as general superintendent of the same system.

"Capt. Denham's successor, Mr. Riddell, during his brief residence here has made many friends, and is in every way qualified to assume the duties of the position."

SURPRISE WEDDING YESTERDAY.

Miss Minnie Lee Register the Bride of Mr. Frank A. Bell, of Chicago.

The marriage yesterday afternoon of Miss Minnie Lee Register, the attractive young daughter of Mrs. Eva. B. Register, No. 907 Chesnut street, to Mr. Frank A. Bell, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, but lately of this city, came as a surprise to their many friends and acquaintances. The marriage was not without a romantic coloring, for less than a month ago Miss Register met the groom-to-be and a strong attachment, formed on first sight, soon ripened into courtship and the marriage, which culminated yesterday. The ceremony was performed at 2:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Pastor Fred D. Hale, D. D., officiating. Only members of the officiating minister's family and Mr. Stacey K. DeVaney, a close friend of the groom, were present to witness the nuptial event. After the ceremony Mr. Bell and bride drove to the home of the bride's mother, hastily informed relatives of the happy event in their lives that had just taken place, and at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, they left for a bridal trip South, the groom combining business with the tour. They will, perhaps, later make their home in this city.

Wilmington Business College.

Attention is directed to the announcement elsewhere in to day's paper of the Wilmington Business College, which will open January 2nd, of the New Year, occupying the entire third floor of the MacRae building. An outline of the purposes and the great need of such an institution in Wilmington was given in these columns last week and it needs only to be added now that the college promises to succeed from the start. Those intending to join the classes should enroll at once. The resident office of the principal will be at 608 Orange street, and he will be pleased to receive visitors there any evening until after January 1st. Then the principal may be found at the MacRae building.

Passed Water-Logged Vessel.

Capt. G. Bunnell, of the Clyde steamer "Navahoe" which arrived from New York several hours late yesterday afternoon, reports having passed on Monday at 10 A. M. in latitude 36 17 North; longitude 75.18 West, the four masted schooner "Edith H. Allen," lumber-laden and water-logged. The steamer "Sabine," of the Mallory Line, was standing by and had evidently taken the crew off and was about to take the schooner in tow.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—Dr. Joel Whitaker, of Raleigh, is a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. C. J. Brown, of Charlotte, is a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. Marcus Floyd, of Lumberton, was here yesterday.

—I. B. Tucker and H. L. Lyon, Esqs., are guests at The Orton.

— Mr. Rufus Register, of Register, Bladen county, was here yesterday.

— Corporation Commissioner E. C. Beddingfield, of Raleigh, was here yesterday.

— Among yesterday's arrivals was Mr. W. M. Corbett, Jr., of Olga, Pender county.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williamson, of Whiteville, spent yesterday in the city and were guests at The Orton.

— Messrs. John Russ, Lawrence Goley and Henry G. Hewett, of Brunswick, are in the city on business trips.

— Mr. DeLancey Evans, government rice expert, is in the city for a brief visit. He will leave to-day for his home in Washington to spend the holidays.

— Among last night's arrivals were H. L. Scarborough, Sumter, S. C.; E. Mortimer, Charleston, S. C.; Wade Stackhouse, Dillon, S. C.; Col. W. S. Cook, Fayetteville; Jno. F. McNair, Laurinburg.

— Rev. L. B. Boney, the popular young Baptist minister, formerly of this city but now of Horry county, S. C., passed through the city yesterday enroute to Atkinson, N. C., to officiate at a wedding.

WEEK OF POPULAR REPERTOIRE.

Xmasilde Offerings at Academy of Music. Illustrated Songs and Specialties.

Once again next week popular prices will prevail at the Academy, as the Lyric Stock Company will inaugurate a week's engagement at the local theatre Monday afternoon with a grand Christmas matinee. The same organization will hold the boards all the week, save Thursday night, when Creston Clark will be seen. At the inaugural performance Monday afternoon the latest comedy success, "The Lobster," will be the bill and it will be presented in excellent style. It will furnish a roar of laughter from the rise of the curtain to its fall and it will be especially enjoyed by the children and ladies. The prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

Monday night "Only a Volunteer" will be presented and it will be pronounced the very best performance ever given in this city by a popular priced company, as the piece is a new one and will be presented by a most capable cast with special scenery. The play has been aptly described as being abreast of the times, as it deals with the present war. Two of the scenes are laid at Port Arthur. Yet, there is nothing blood-curdling about the piece, but its intensity is wonderful. It possesses a novel and new plot and the comedy is of the richest hue.

In connection with the play will be introduced a line of exceedingly clever specialties, including songs and dances by Mr. Frank Sawyer, an up-to-date monologue by Mr. Harry Wesley and illustrated songs by Mr. Claude McClellan, who is the possessor of a fine baritone voice. Monday night he will sing the latest successes "Only a Private, That's All," and "For Sale, A Baby." The latter is fresh from the pen of Charles K. Harris. Seats for Monday night will be on sale at Plummer's Friday morning.

Sheriff Rourk Here.

Sheriff Peter Rourk, of Brunswick county, arrived in the city yesterday and will be at the store of William Goodman, on Market street, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. to-day, for the purpose of receiving taxes assessed by his county for the year 1904. Sheriff Rourk has been in the upper end of the county for several days on a tax collecting tour and says he finds conditions in the country very favorable, notwithstanding the slump in cotton. People are paying their taxes and appear contented as far as possible under the circumstances.

Receiving Express Office.

The Southern Express Company has opened an office on Second street in the old Van Amringe auction house and all incoming express will be delivered from that office. The outgoing express will be received only at the office on Chesnut street. It is necessary for the express company to open a new office here each season to handle the holiday shipments. The holiday business has already begun and the express people will be kept busy from now until after Christmas.

I will assist you in the selection of your gifts, and enable you to save some money. I have about as complete a line as you can find. J. T. Burke, Jeweler.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MASONIC TEMPLE, December 21, 1904.

Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M

Emergent communication this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock for work in the Fellow Craft degree.
Visiting brethren cordially invited.
By order of W. M.
THOS. F. BAGLEY,
dec 21 1t Secretary.

NOTICE.

E. A. Chapman, M. D., of New York City, who treats Hemmorhoids, Fissures and Fistules, exclusively, has consented to see a few patients in Wilmington on or about December 28, 1904. For further information and appointment call on or write Dr. Harper, No. 508 So. Front street.
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CHRISTMAS.

A Man's Christmas

Hard work buying Christmas presents for most men—isn't it? Why not give him something he will appreciate—a Suit or Overcoat, for instance?
Either would make an admirable gift—nothing more acceptable.
Bring us the size or an old garment, and we'll help you select something suitable.
We'll exchange it with pleasure, or refund the money, if he's not satisfied.

Haberdashery.

If you prefer a House Coat, pair of Gloves, Tie, Muffler or something elegant in the Furnishing Line, please remember that you are sure to find the smartest and handsomest styles here.
We invite ladies looking for a gift for a Man's Christmas to come here.

The A. David Co.,
Clothiers and Haberdashers.
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Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes. A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find everything nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,
108 North Front Street.
OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK. dec 21 tf

Buy Xmas Presents
—AT—
THE LITTLE STORE.
SPECIAL SALE OF
Silk Skirts and Waists.
119 Silk Skirts worth $6.00 for $4.00.
150 Silk Waists worth 6.00 for 3.98.
Open evenings till Xmas. Patronize
PLATT & HAAR.
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ATLANTIC CAFE
XMAS PRICES
For this week only we quote as specials:
Superior California Port or Sherry Wine, per gallon $1.35; Velleso & Tait's Imported Port per gallon $2.25; Loretto & Co.'s Spanish Sherry per gallon $1.15; Our Country Club Rye per gallon $1.45; Old Nectar Rye, Kentucky Sour Mash, per gallon $3.25; Original Paul Jones Rye, 4 star, per bottle 95c; Walters Baker's Rye per quart $1.25.
Monticello Virginia Claret, California Rhine Wine, Port or Sherry, Three Bottles for $1.00.
We have about 30 000 Cigars of popular brands, which we will sell at close prices.
GIESCHEN BROS., Prop.,
Phone 111. Opposite A. C. L. Depot
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50c, 75c, $1.00.
Bananas, Bananas Bananas.
Why not eat Bananas during the holidays when you can buy Fancy 8-hand bunches at $1.00? Extra 8-hand bunches at 75c. Good 7-hand bunches at 50c per bunch from
J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,
108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.
P. S.—We have just received a car Western New York Danish Cabbage which we will sell at closest prices.
dec 14 tf J. S. F. & Co.

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AN OI... US OF REPUDIATED SOUTHERN BONDS.

The STAR has heretofore alluded to the article of Mr. Mark Sullivan, formerly associate editor of the Boston Transcript and now a distinguished New York lawyer, who contributed to the December North American Review a contribution entitled "Present Status of Repudiated State Bonds." The Baltimore Sun of Monday contains this interesting article with reference to the Sullivan contribution:

A dispatch from Sioux City, Iowa, published in the Sun yesterday, states that John James, of Philadelphia, in a letter to Governor Cummins, of Iowa, announces that he is willing to donate to this commonwealth (Iowa) ten bonds of $1,000 each of a Southern State, if the State of Iowa wants them. He says he has owned them for many years: that the interest has been repudiated for thirty years; that a private citizen cannot sustain suit to collect them; but that, as one State can sue another, the State of Iowa could bring suit and collect the amount." The dispatch adds that "the offer is recognized readily by persons familiar with the matter *as a part of the proposition to collect $20,000,000 on ancient obligations of Southern States*," and that "there is little disposition in Iowa to make the State a cat's paw for collecting claims against other States."

A few weeks ago the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of the State of South Dakota vs. the State of North Carolina, gave judgment against the latter State for $27,400. It decreed that North Carolina must pay this amount, together with costs of suit, on or before the first Monday of January, 1905. The decree provided that if North Carolina does not pay, certain property belonging to that State shall be seized and sold at public auction in Washington. Five Justices of the Supreme Court concurred in this decision. Four Justices dissented

In an illuminating article in the current number of the North American Review by Mark Sullivan, of the New York bar, the efforts of holders of bonds repudiated by Southern States to secure payment of these obligations are related chronologically from the first unsuccessful attempt in 1884 to the recent decision by the Supreme Court. The ingenious lawyers retained by bond-holders in the early proceedings to enforce payment by States which had repudiated their obligations realized, in their search for a remedy, that, while an individual bondholder cannot sue a State, another State can sue it. So they set to work to devise a legal subterfuge—to find a State willing to lend itself to the purposes of the bondholders. New Hampshire was willing to be used for this purpose The Legislature of that State passed a statute "admirably adapted," says Mr. Sullivan, "to serve the ends of those who wished to use the constitutional privileges of the Commonwealth for their private ends." The statute provided that "whenever any citizen of this State shall be the owner of any claim against any of the other States, such citizen may assign the same to the State of New Hampshire and deposit the assignment thereof with the Attorney General of the State." After the assignor had deposited a sufficient sum to pay the expenses of collection, the Attorney-General was empowered to bring suit, in the name of the State of New Hampshire, in the Supreme Court of the United States, for the recovery of the money due upon the claim. In the test case under the statute the repudiated bonds involved were those of the State of Louisiana. The attempt to use the State of New Hampshire for the private ends of bondholders was a failure. Chief Justice Waite handed down the decision of the Supreme Court. "We are prohibited," he said, "both by the letter and spirit of the Constitution, from entertaining these suits. * * * This State (New Hampshire) is nothing more nor less than a mere collecting agent of the owners of the bonds and coupons; and while the suits are in the name of a State they are actually under the control of individual citizens and are prosecuted altogether by and for them."

With the collapse of this effort to make a State collecting agent for individuals holding bonds repudiated by Southern States, it became necessary to devise some other expedient to secure a standing in the highest Federal court. In time it was realized that this could be done only by a gift of bonds to the State which would sue for payment. In 1901 a New York broker donated ten bonds of the State of North Carolina to the State of South Dakota. The Legislature of the latter State passed an "act to require the acceptance and collection of grants, devices, bequests, donations and assignments," and provided "that the right and title to the same shall pass to this State." The Attorney General is directed in this act "to take the necessary and proper proceedings and to bring suit in the name of the State in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect or to reduce into possession any bond, note, bill or choses in action."

In the New Hampshire case, 20 years ago, the bonds were not the bona-fide property of the State, which merely acted in the proceedings as a trustee or agent. In the case of South Dakota against North Carolina Justice Brewer held that, while the gift of bonds to South Dakota was made "under a not unreasonable expectation that South Dakota would bring action against North Carolina to enforce these bonds, and that such action might inure to the donor's benefit as the owner of other like bonds," the motive with which the gift was made did not affect the validity of the gift or the question of jurisdiction. Of the four Justices who dissented two were appointed as Republicans, and two as Democrats. They protested vigorously, in the language of Justice Waite, "against endowing every State with the power of speculating upon state and unenforceable claims of individuals against other States, thus not only doing injustice, but also overthrowing the fiscal independence of every State and destroying that harmony between them which it was the avowed purpose of the Constitution to establish and cement."

The amounts charged against the Southern States which repudiated their bonds are as follows:

Alabama	$ 38,812,000
Arkansas	20,807,000
Florida	5,280,000
Georgia	13,580,000
Louisiana	32,115,000
Mississippi	22,600,000
North Carolina	48,350,000
South Carolina	19,500,000
Tennessee	29,850,000
Total	$230,894,000

These bonds were issued for various purposes. For example, in the North Carolina case the bonds sued on were each secured by a specific mortgage on certain stock of the railroad for the building of which they were issued. It is Mr. Sullivan's opinion that the Supreme Court's decision in this case is "a binding precedent only for this particular issue of bonds and for such of the other bonds as have identical conditions. Bonds which vary will have to stand or fall in future suits according as they are more or less analogous to these bonds." In justification of their action in repudiating indebtedness contracted before the Civil War the Southern States pleaded their *enormous* property losses during the war. For instance, the taxable value in Mississippi in 1868 was $509,000,000. In 1870 it was only $177,000,000. After the war the carpetbag governments added enormously to the debts of the State. In 1860 North Carolina had a debt of only $9,700,000. By 1870 the carpet-bag government had increased it to $29,000,000. While Mr. Sullivan expresses the opinion that the Southern States ought, when they are able in the future, to make an honorable adjustment of their indebtedness, he does not hesitate to assert that "repudiation, temporarily at least, was a necessity."

It is highly improbable that the Southern States will ever consent voluntarily to pay the bonds issued during the reconstruction regime by the plundering and pillaging "visiting statesmen" who held the reins of government in Dixie.

THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES.

Our highly esteemed contemporary, the Chattanooga Times, has entered upon the thirty-sixth year of its publication. The Times is not only one of the best newspapers in the South, but the versatility, ability and soundness of its editorial department makes it one of the leading papers of our part of the country. We confess to a special admiration for the fine judgment, admirable tone and virility displayed in the editorial utterances and scintillations produced in the Times' sanctum.

The Times is a splendid piece of newspaper property, and it is the ambitious city of Chattanooga that is to be congratulated upon having a paper so vigorous, enterprising and public spirited as it is. It is not Chattanooga's railroad "shed" by which the city must be distinguished but by its great newspaper.

A Philadelphia special in the New York Times of Monday states that the barque Sillicon has just brought news of the discovery of a race of giants in Greenland by the Danish exploring vessel Fox II. The explorers, on the north of Greenland, found a tribe of some fifty men and women of a type never before seen in Greenland. Unlike the small Eskimos, they were a race of giants, many of the men being 8 feet in height, with frames of proportionate mold. In features the giants resembled the American Indians. They could neither speak nor understand the Eskimo language, and apparently used their voices to make little more than guttural sounds.

— In the First Presbyterian church at Raleigh on Sunday the pastor, Rev. Dr. H. H. Moment, attacked the book known as the "Jefferson Bible," of which numbers have been procured by people in this State. Dr. Moment thinks Congress did wrong in ordering the publication of this book, and said so in very strong terms.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Southern representation, like the tariff, might profit by a revision rather than a reduction.—Washington Post.

— "The newspapers always send their best men to Washington," says a writer of a press gallery story. That's an example that the voters fail to follow.—Washington Post.

—The Government is going in to the railroad business in the Philippines in a way in which it stands to stand the losses, but not to share the profits.—Baltimore Sun.

—Whatsoever else may be said of the South Carolina dispensary we believe that history will show that from its inauguration in 1893, the gun practice of the constables has been remarkably effective. No man has ever yet "gotten the drop" on a dispensary constable.—Charleston News and Courier.

— Statistics compiled by the Textile Record, an authority, show that there has been much activity in cotton mill building during the year, and as usual the South is far ahead, and South Carolina leads the South. There was a large increase in the number of mills built in the North also, which indicates that capitalists believe there is money in the business even though the mills are not where the cotton grows. Notwithstanding this it would seem that the South must eventually do the great bulk of such manufacturing, for with cotton right at our doors and with other considerations serious competition is seemingly impossible.—Columbia Record.

TWINKLINGS.

—He—Yes, I should say Tawker was a man of small calibre. She—I think he's big bore.—Judy.

— When President Amador saw the size of Secretary Taft he just told him to take anything that had been left in Panama.—Baltimore Sun.

—"Well," said Kwoter, "it is very true that 'no news is good news.' Therefore—" "Excuse me, interrupted Riter, "but you'd never make an editor, believe that."—Philadelphia Press.

— When President Roosevelt said in his message that Uncle Sam was not afflicted with land hunger, he meant that Your Uncle never intended to bite the dust.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

— "Yes, mother has returned from New York. You know she was quite badly bruised while away." "I didn't know it. Was she hurt in a Christmas shopping crowd?" "No. It happened at a fashionable church wedding."—Cleveland Plain-dealer.

— Manage—Now, then, remember that we're depending on your baby to cry lustily during the third scene. Do you think the youngster will do its yelling well? Actor—He ought to. He's been rehearsing day and night for a month.—Houston Chronicle.

— "This servant girl problem will make me old before my time!" "Bothers you, does it?" "Indeed it does. If I have an ugly maid my husband is away all the time and if I have a pretty one he is at home all the time, and I daren't go away; so there it is."—Houston Post.

Nordy: Why did you fire your stenographer? Butts: Oh, he was always making blunders, and he finally got me into trouble with my best girl. Nordy: As to how? Butts: I dictated a message, "I send you a nice box to keep your collars in, and he transcribed it, to keep your colors in."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 49c per gallon.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	11
Rosin	212
Tar	231
Crude turpentine	69

Receipts same day last year—34 casks spirits turpentine, 93 barrels rosin, 590 barrels tar, 111 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market dull at 12⅝c for middling.

Receipts—228 bales; same day last year, 2,010.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

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PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16⅔c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Money on call was quoted steady at 2¾@3 per cent.; lowest 2¾ per cent.; closing bid 2¾ per cent; offered 3 per cent.; time loans easy, dull; sixty days 3¼@3½ per ct.; ninety days 3¼@3½ per cent. six months 3¼@3½ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange closed easier, actual business in bankers' bills 487 35@487.40 for demand, and 484.75@484.70 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485½ and 488. Commercial bills quoted at 484⅝. Bar silver 61. Mexican dollars 48⅛. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104⅛; do. coupon, 104⅝; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130⅝; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105⅛; do. coupon, 106⅞; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 99⅞; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 105; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 83⅜; Southern Railway 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95½; Chesapeake & Ohio 48⅛; Manhattan L 161; New York Central 141⅞; Reading 78⅝; do. 1st pref'd, 89½; do. 2nd pref'd 81⅛; Southern Railway 34¼; do. pref'd 96⅛; Amalgamated Copper 67⅝; People's Gas 107¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 71⅝; U. S. Leather 14⅛; U. S. Leather preferred, 101⅛; Western Union 92⅜; U. S. Steel 29⅝; do. preferred 92⅛; Mexican Central 20⅛; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 41⅛; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 112; sales — shares. Standard Oil 639.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 16¼@16⅛; do. preferred, 35½ bid; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 153¼@154⅛.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 52½@53c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine—nothing doing. Rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 50c; receipts 665 casks; sales 358 casks; exports 105 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 3,370 barrels; sales 1,937 bbls; exports 2,052 bbls. A, B, C, $3 50; D, $3 52½; E, $3 55; F, $3 57½; G, $3 60; H $3 72½@3 75; I, $3 25; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 50; W G, $4 75; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—There was continued bear pressure in the cotton market and while during the middle of the session a little covering promoted steadiness and a slight rally, the general ruling was weak and unsettled, with trading fairly active. The opening was easy at a decline of five to ten points in response to easier Liverpool cables, which reported a decline of about nine to ten points on futures and of fourteen on spot cotton, which seemed to be in decreasing demand. Following the call here the market sold off still further, reaching a net decline of about eleven to fifteen points. At this level or around 7.30 for January covering was attracted on the theory that after a decline of about $3 a bale in a couple of days a reaction was due, and it seemed with official announcement that the first installment of the ginners' report which was expected this week would not be published until Wednesday, Dec. 28, encouraged talk of a temporary upturn if nothing more, prior to the Christmas holidays. After working up to about 7.39 for January and 7.55 for March, or a little over the initial figures, however, the market broke sharply. There seemed to be nothing in the news to explain the increased offerings which were credited to local bear interests, but as the market worked below the previous low level stop orders were caught and January broke to 7.19 with March selling at 7 35 and the general list showing a net decline of about twenty-four to twenty five points. Toward the close there was enough covering to help prices a point or two and the final tone was steady at a net loss of twenty-two to twenty-four points. Sales were estimated at 500,000 bales. The decline at Liverpool was attributed by private cables to hedging sales and Alexandria liquidation. Locally there seemed nothing aside from bear pressure to account for the decline aside, of course, from the liquidation caused by the losses and predictions of a break in the spot markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 7.70c; net receipts 449 bales; gross receipts 6,916 bales; stock 107,634 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 20 points lower; middling uplands 7.70c; middling gulf 7 95c; sales — bales.

Futures market closed steady: December 7.16, January 7.21, February 7.29, March 7.39, April 7.45, May 7.49, June 7 57, July 7.60, August 7.61, October 7.53.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 66,767 bales; exports to Great Britain 26,047 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 19,393 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,043,667 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 157,458 bales; exports to Great Britain 84,874 bales; exports to France 23,681 bales; exports to Continent 23,403 bales; exports to Japan 2,400 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st. at all seaports—Net receipts 5,482,904 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,968,063 bales; exports to France 431,407 bales; exports to the Continent 1,450,132 bales; exports to Japan 47,010 bales; exports to Mexico 12,364 bales.

Dec 20.—Galveston, easy at 7 7-16c, net receipts 13,637 bales; Norfolk, nominal, net receipts 2,135 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7⅝c, net receipts 875 bales; Boston, quiet at 7 90c, net receipts 102 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 228 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7.95c, net receipts 555 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7⅜c, net receipts 7,910 bales; New Orleans, easy at 7 5-16, net receipts 19,875 bales; Mobile, easy at 7c, net receipts 7,375 bales; Memphis, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 2,443 bales; Augusta, easy at 7⅝c, net receipts 1,483 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7⅛c, net receipts 622 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Flour was quiet and unchanged. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot barely steady; No. 2 red $1 17⅞. Options closed unsettled at ⅛@⅜c net loss; May closed $1 13⅛; July closed $1 02⅞; December closed $1 17⅞. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 nominal. Options closed partly ⅛c net lower: May closed 51⅛; December closed 54⅜c. Oats—Spot dull; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 34½@35½. Lard steady; Western steam $7 27. refined quiet; continent $7 25; compound 5⅛@5⅜c. Pork steady; mess $13 00@13 75. Sugar—raw firm; refined firm. Cheese firm; State, small, colored and white, 11⅛@12c. Eggs dull; nearby, selected 36c; Western selected 28c; Southern 22@27c. Potatoes—Market steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 25. Butter steadier; creamery, common to extra 15@26c; State dairy 15@24c. Cabbages firm; flat Dutch, per 100, $2 00@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 15@20c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 5¼@5⅜; other domestic grades 3¾@5⅛c. Tallow quiet. Rice firm. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil was steady with a moderate business. Prices closed: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 18@17½c; prime summer yellow 25@25½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 28c; prime winter yellow 28c.

CHICAGO, December 20.—The weakness of the Liverpool grain market was the main cause of lower prices to day in the wheat pit here. At the close, May wheat was off ⅜c. Corn is down ⅛c. Oats and provisions are practically unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Cash prices: Flour easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 15. No. 3 spring 95c@$1 00; No. 2 red $1 12@1 14⅛. Corn—No. 2 46@46⅛c; No. 2 yellow 46@46⅛c. Oats—No. 2 30⅛c; No. 2 white, 30½@30¾c; No 3 do. 29½@31¼. Rye—No. 2 73c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 35@11 45. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 85. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December $1 09¼, 1 09⅝, 1 10⅛, 1 09⅛, 1 10⅛; May $1 10⅛@1 10⅞, 1 11⅛, 1 10⅛, 1 10⅞; July 97⅛@98, 98⅛, 97⅛, 98⅛. Corn—December 45⅛@46, 46, 45⅛, 46c; May 45@45⅛, 45⅛@45⅜, 45, 45⅜; July 45⅛, 45⅜, 45⅜@45⅛, 45⅜. Oats—December 29, 29, 28⅞, 29; May 31⅛@31⅜, 31⅜, 31⅛@31¼, 31¼; July 31⅛, 31⅛, 31⅛@31⅛. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 60, 12 65, 12 60, 12 62½; May $12 92½, 12 97½, 12 87½, 12 95. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 85, 6 90, 6 85, 6 90; May $7 10, 7 15, 7 10, 7 15. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 50, 6 45, 6 50; May $6 77½, 6 80, 6 75, 6 80.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 8⅜c; mild firm; Cordova 10@13c. The market for coffee futures showed greater activity than at any time since the big bull movement of last Spring. Around midday it became feverishly active and excited with large Wall street houses heavy buyers all along the line. Prices advanced until on the active months they were fully 20 points higher. Toward the close the market eased off a little from the best under realizing but the market was finally steady with January net 5 points and all other months 10 points higher. Sales 347,750 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 20.—Cotton: Spot quiet, with prices fourteen points lower; American middling fair 4.47d; good middling 4.23d; middling 4.13d; low middling 4.01d; good ordinary 3 87d; ordinary 3.71d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 700 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,700 bales American. Receipts 24,000 bales, including 21,700 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 4.02d; December and January 4.02d; January and February 4.05d; February and March 4.09d; March and April 4.13d; April and May 4.16d; May and June 4.19d; June and July 4.22d; July and August 4.24d; August and September 4.24d; September and October 4.20d; October and November 4.19d.

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British steamer Petunia, Frankland, Pensacola, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EVERYTHING READY AT "The Siwasa" FOR CHRISTMAS.
Come see us.
S. W. SANDERS.
dec 16 tf

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 21.

STEAMERS.

Hanseat, (Nor) 2,177 tons, Hamre, Heide & Co.
Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Greatham, (Br) 1,531 tons, Gowing, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Venus, 204 tons, Foxwell, C D Maffitt.
Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.
Madaiene Cooney, 624 tons, Hunter, C D Maffitt.
Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.
Carrie A Bucknam, 236 tons, Torrey, J T Riley.

BARQUES.

Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.
Musselcrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—21 bales cotton, 58 barrels tar, 25 barrels crude turpentine.
W. & W. Railroad—5 bales cotton, 20 barrels tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine.
W. C. & A. Railroad—142 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 12 barrels rosin, 25 barrels tar, 34 barrels crude turpentine.
A. & Y. Railroad—58 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 48 barrels tar.
Steamer A. J. Johnson—7 bales cotton, 200 barrels rosin, 70 barrels tar.
Total—228 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 212 barrels rosin, 231 barrels tar, 69 barrels crude turpentine.

Have You THESE SYMPTOMS?

There's Danger Ahead

If you have sharp pains across the small of the back, if there is any irregularity in the urine, if it is scanty or profuse, or difficult to retain, then your kidneys are out of order and should be given prompt attention. There is no disease so surely fatal if neglected Diseases of the bladder, such as inflammation, gravel or stone in the bladder, diabetes, and finally uremic poisoning, usually begin in a very slight way at first, often causing no particular inconvenience.

Stuart's Gin and Buchu is a reliable remedy for any form of kidney and bladder diseases. It has been given the severest tests for thirty years, and has never failed to relieve the worst case and stay the fatal progress of the disease. If you have the slightest smyptom of this disease, you should lose no time in beginning the use of this remedy. One bottle will convince you of the great benefit it will render. Stuart's Juniper and Buchu Tablets is the same remedy in tablet form for those who prefer it in that shape.

Samples Free to All.

You are invited to send your name and address at once for a free trial sample of this great remedy, together with testimonials and full information. Full size bottles $1 at all drug stores. Address Stuart Drug Co., 68 Wall street, Atlanta Ga
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SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA CUBA.

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and attractive island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but, to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

Tickets will be limited for return passage on any steamer leaving Havana until January 19, 1905, with privilege of stop overs at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit of ticket, which will be January 21st, 1905.

The rate, $44.70 from Wilmington, N. C., for the round trip, includes meals and staterooms on the steamship.

Mr. A. W. Fritot will meet the party in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently and will place himself at the disposal of the party, furnishing any information desired.

Trains for which tickets for this excursion will be sold will leave Wilmington, N. C., 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4th, 1905.

Make up your party and go and should you desire any other information, books, pamphlets, etc., on Cuba or "What to say in Spanish and how to say it," address
H. B. Emerson, Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.
W. J. Craig, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

For Prices
On all supplies call on us.
Machinery,
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We not only sell you equipments but can send you expert men to install them.
If you anticipate having a plant of any kind get our estimate before buying.
T. D LOVE COMPANY,
Wholesale Dealers.
204, 206 North Water St.,
de 16 tf Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Superior Court of New Hanover County.
W. B. Thorpe
vs.
Coal, Cement & Supply Company.

Notice is hereby given to all of the creditors of the Coal, Cement & Supply Company to present their claims, properly itemized and sworn to, to me on or before the 31st of January, 1905, or they will be barred from any participation in the distribution of the assets of the above named defendant.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1904.
M. J. CORBETT, Receiver.
dec. 16, 3t

WANTED.
HIDES AND FURS OF ALL KINDS.
Highest Market Prices Paid.
SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,
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Don't fail to see Leger Meyer before buying clothes to order. The cheapest and best for the money. Largest line of pants goods in the city to select from.
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Your Xmas Gifts please call and see our
Brass Andirons,
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We have a large assortment, all of which make very acceptable gifts.
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Orton Building,
Special Agents L. & R. Powder, Peninsular Shovels and Howe Scales.
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In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in
Nickle, Brass, Silver
AND GOLD.
Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.
We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.
Carolina Copper Works.
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EMULSION
HAS NOT SAVED
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But it has cured many Coughs and Colds. It is Guaranteed to do good.
50c Per Bottle.
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JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,
5th and Castle. 'Phone No. 192.
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VACCINATE!
County, city and town Boards of Health have recommended and in some instances ordered vaccination as the ONLY safeguard against Smallpox, so prevalent in the Carolinas thus early in Winter. We have just received by last night's Express
Glycerinized Lymph,
Glycerinized Glass Points,
Glycerinized Ivory Points,
Vaccination Shields.
(Adults and Children.)
Out of town orders filled by return mail. Prices to the trade.
ADOLPH G. AHRENS,
Phone 644, 107 Princess street. dec 20 tf

Bananas, Bananas.
Carload Jamaicas just received. Prices right.
Apples, Oranges, Fresh Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts
and Dried Fruit of every kind received fresh every week. Send us your Christmas orders, they will receive our special attention.
ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY.
(Strictly Wholesale Dealers)
109, 111 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.
Note—Mr Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 9 tf

QUAIL
ON
TOAST.
THE ONLY RESTAURANT,
de 8 tf 108 Market street

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.
H. L. Vollers who sues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,
vs.
Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

December 1, 1904. D. McEACHERN, Receiver.
de 4 30d

Your Orders for
CHRISTMAS GOODS
will be given our prompt attention
Let us have them.
HALL & PEARSALL,
INCORPORATED.
nov 26 tf

A Delightful Pleasure.
Nothing pleases a man more than a good, clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.
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Cut.
Cut—which determines the "hang"—is the tell-tale of beauty and grace in an Overcoat; the touchstone that tests the skill of the maker. The least expensive Overcoat here shows accurate cut and tasteful tailoring. We've won leadership deservedly.
OVERCOATS $10
OVERCOATS $12
OVERCOATS $15
OVERCOATS $18
OVERCOATS $20
OVERCOATS $22 50
J. M. SOLKY & CO.
One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.
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CHRISTMAS GOODS!
Cocoanuts,
Raisins,
Mixed Nuts,
Florida Oranges (to arrive.)
Prunes,
Dried Apples,
and a full line of CANDY.
Write us for quotations before buying elsewhere.
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Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.
Best Lime, Anchor Brand
We are offering low, being overstocked.
Small Cream Cheese.
Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.
FINE TOMATOES.
Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.
THE WORTH CO.,
Wilmington, N. C.
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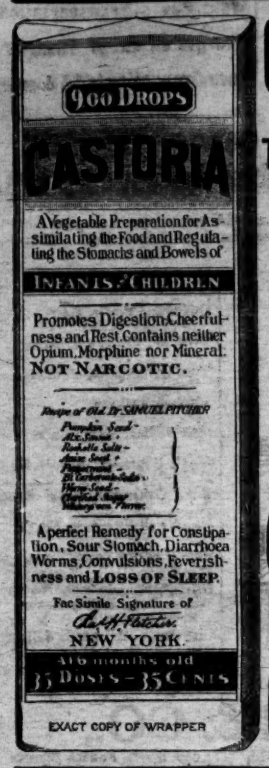
14 MARKET STREET,
Between Front and Water.
Fresh Fruits of all kinds
Oranges, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Raisins and Mixed Nuts, Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs just from the country. Fox River Butter. North Carolina Hams. Give me a trial.
J. HARGROVE TAYLOR.
Telephone 1052. de 16 tf

We Cordially Invite
You to inspect our Holiday stock. We are showing a very complete assortment of high grade Perfumery, Celluloid Brushes and Combs and other toilet articles. There is nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than choice perfumery. The lady who uses elegant perfumery secures an additional charm—because it is the unusual that attracts. Anticipating the pleasure of a call from those interested,
I remain, yours respectfully,
Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.
P. S.—See window display. dec 18tf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Suitable for small coal burners and self-feeding Stoves, that we are selling at $5.50 per ton.

No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite - - $6.50 per ton
Jellico Coal, best - - - - - - - - 5.50 " "
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We respectfully solicit your orders.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

nov 4 tf

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several standard manufactures. Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tashan's Shot.

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THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

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Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
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$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

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103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Flintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

dec 7 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—The Shelby Star states that the Rev. A. G. Gantt, of Cleveland county, raised 70 bushels of corn on one and one-eighth of an acre of land. The Newton News reports that Mr. George Bollck, who lives near Newton, raised a bale of cotton weighing 425 pounds on one-half acre of land.

— The Secretary of State, at Raleigh, issued on Monday charters to the Charlotte Duck Clothing Company, Charlotte, capital stock authorized $150,000, paid up $11,500; the Highlands Hotel Company, Charlotte, authorized capital $200,000, of which $15,000 is paid in, R. A. Dunn and others stockholders; the Merchants & Manufacturers' Bank, of Andrews, Cherokee county, authorized capital $100,000, paid up $10,000, J. Q. Barker and others stockholders.

— Raleigh correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: Governor Aycock is at work on his message to the Legislature, which will be a long and comprehensive one. It will make a great showing for the State. As yet no details for the inauguration of Capt. Glenn as Governor have been arranged. Governor Aycock was inaugurated out-doors, speaking from the eastern portico of the capitol, the day being a superb one. Of course it takes perfect weather to enable such a ceremony to be held out of doors. The inauguration may take place in the Academy of Music, which now presents a very handsome appearance.

— Salisbury Sun: We have not attached any importance to the fact that a pardon for Jim Wilcox the murderer of Nellie Cropsey, was sought but the fact that the family of the deceased girl is preparing to resist the application calls for a more serious view of the matter. Wilcox was convicted by a jury which had every opportunity to learn the facts in the case and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. To release him now or in the near future would be a disgrace and a repudiation of our jury system. We do not believe that either Governor Aycock or Governor-elect Glenn will seriously consider the application.

— A dispatch from Durham on Monday says: Late this afternoon M. F. Scott, about 35 years of age, met a horrible death at the plant of the Durham Lumber Company at East Durham. Deceased was a meat dealer and had gone to the plant of the lumber company for the purpose of grinding sausage. His left foot was torn off and his head beaten into pulp. Scott came here from Apex, Wake county, some three or four years ago. Two years ago he was married to Miss Pearl Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, of Apex. Of this union, there is one child and a babe one month old. He left a wid owed mother, two brothers and one sister.

— Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Tillett Ellis, of No. 308 East Twelfth street, is in possession of a peculiar relic that brings back memories of a peculiar man. The relic is in the shape of a pair of tailors' shears which was given to her grandfather, James L. Lawing, by President Andrew Johnson, whose term was made memorable by the stormy days of reconstruction. It will be remembered that President Johnson was born in Raleigh, and when he grew to manhood, walked from Greensboro to Greenville, Tenn., where he worked many years as a taylor. It is told that his wife taught him to read while he worked away on his tailor's bench. It was under him at this place that Mr. Lawing learned the tailor's trade. Mr. Lawing gave the shears presented to him by the President to be to his daughter, who in turn gave them to her daughter, who afterwards became Mrs. Ellis.

— A dispatch from Kinston on Monday says: Daney Best broke into Spear's bicycle store through a front window last night about 7:30 o'clock, and stole a revolver out of the show case. Then he tried the money drawer, which would not open. He then passed on to the safe, and made an effort to get into that, but failed. He walked across the room into the arms of Mr. Spear, who had been an interested spectator of the whole proceedings from a back room. He called a policeman and handed him over, after taking from him the stolen revolver. This is the same boy who was convicted of attempting to steal a horse a few months ago, and who, on account of his age, 13 years, was released by a judge on promise to reform.

— A dispatch from Wadesboro on Monday says: Lewis Jones, white, aged about 50, killed his wife Wednesday night by beating and afterwards strangling her until she was dead. Jones lives about four miles east of Lilesville. Thursday he reported to one of his neighbors that his wife had died the night before, claiming that he was away that night. The neighbors, knowing that Jones had on several occasions beaten his wife, thought it best to have the coroner investigate the case. The coroner's jury found evidence that death was caused by strangulation. Marks and scars were plainly seen upon the neck and other parts of the body. Jones was found near his home Friday and was committed to the Wadesboro jail the same evening. It is reported in town this afternoon that he has confessed the deed, stating that both were intoxicated at the time.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Let This
Be An
ORIGINAL
Christmas

The choosing of the little gift troubles everybody. The more you think and study, the more puzzling it becomes. How weary you grow of the same old shop suggestions year after year—a handkerchief—a necktie—candy—some useless trifle.

But here is a new idea: give your friends, instead of the conventional gift, holiday packages of Nabisco Sugar Wafers—the most delightfully original little gift ever conceived.

These exquisite confections, in their glorious coverings of white and red and gold, are, for Christmas giving, further adorned with dainty holly ribbons, under which are beautifully illuminated cards to convey your compliments and good wishes. Nothing quite so pleasing as Nabisco for the little Christmas gift has ever before been seen.

Why not surprise your friends with this new expression of warmth and cheer—this charmingly original thought for Christmas?

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

— Miss Eleanor Clement, of Philadelphia, a pupil at St. Mary's Female College at Raleigh, where her mother was for years a teacher, bequeaths to St. Mary's $5,000 for the purpose of founding a scholarship in memory of her mother, and also leaves a residuary interest in her estate.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average baldheaded man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others, that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, inoculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide.

"Destroy the cause—you remove the effect."

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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This season will be a pleasure if you let us furnish you with our

Duplin Sausage and Florida Grape Fruit

for your breakfast.

A NICE TURKEY,

Celery.
Cranberries,
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for your Dinner, and our

Fancy Florida Oranges

and Sugar Pineapples direct from the planter for the evening.

With the compliments of the season.

Wilmington Grocery Co.

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Canary Birds and Cages.
Nice Bottle Perfumery.
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Box Wileys' High Grade Candy.

Bottle Shepard's Lung Food.

Inspect our stock before you buy. Prices will suit you, at

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Apply now a 100 pound bag of NITRATE OF POTASH on an acre as a top-dresser, and see what it will do.

One hundred pounds of NITRATE OF POTASH used now will have more effect than a ton of fertilizer.

Guaranteed Chemical Analysis: Soluble Ammonia 16 per cent. Actual Potash 44 "

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Peruvian Guano and high grade materials of all kinds

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ANY MAN

whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.

No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

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burns well, smokes well, and the taste and odor are on a par with it's other good qualities. That's what "they say" of the well-known and well-liked Martinez Cigar. If you haven't tried it, you're guilty of having missed a "good thing"—don't plead guilty next time.

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Fox River Butter.

Twenty 30-pound tubs of Fox River Butter. Also 1,500 kegs steel cut and wire Nails, 203 barrels Mullets, 20,000 bags Salt.

We are headquarters. Get our prices before purchasing.

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Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys
Pictures, Calendars, Cards

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,

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ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat

H. L. Vollers,

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Christmas Suggestions.

Over-Gaters,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
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Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
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Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.

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1904-5.

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Announce rate of

One and One-third First Class Fares

For Round Trip.

(Minimum rate 50 cents.)

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Final limit returning to January 4th, 1905.

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For full information call on ticket agents or address W. J. CRAIG, G. P. A.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

dec 16 tf Il Jan 1 Wilmington, N. C.

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All the latest Novels, Illustrated Books, Pictures, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Bric a Brac of every description, Fancy Box Paper, Calendars, Xmas Cards, and a beautiful line of leather goods.

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Schedule In Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 43	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	8 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 40
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 22 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 28 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 33 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 45 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	3 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	3 25 p m	Ar 12 20 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

*Except Sunday.

Trains Nos. 43 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Between Wilmington and New York.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 66	No. 34
Leave Wilmington	4 35 a m	8 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	8 50 a m	6 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 09 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 00 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 25 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 45
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 57 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
" Athens	6 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND

	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	8 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	3 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10.00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M.	(Sat'day only)

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21.

MRS. CASSIE CHADWICK

In the Bankruptcy Court at Cleveland, But Excused from Testifying—She Was Very Nervous.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into the Bankruptcy court here to-day in the bankrupcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Nathan Loeser, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court, it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the court room by several deputy marshals. She took a seat next to the desk of Referee Remington. She was pale, but appeared in somewhat better health than on the day of her arrival from New York last week. There were about a hundred persons present, including Mrs. Chadwick's nurse, Freda Swanstrom, and Emil Hoover, her son.

When the court was ready to proceed, J. P. Dawley, attorney for Mrs Chadwick, made the announcement that he would not allow *her to be* sworn but had *decided to have her* come to court so that it could not be said she was *shamming* weakness, although he knew her to be in no condition to be summoned.

"I have not been able to carry on a connected conversation with this woman on account of her condition," said Mr. Dawley. "I am as much in the dark about her affiairs as any one."

Touching on the possibility of contempt proceedings growing out of the bankruptcy case, Attorney Dawley said: "You can send her back to jail if she is in contempt for not testifying. At night she can sleep in one cell and stay in another during the day."

Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorneys argued and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused, she returned to the jail in a carriage.

IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Gen. Wood's Annual Report as to Conditions—The Moros Are Still Giving the Troops Much Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—General Wood, commanding the Department of Mindanao, Philippine division, in his annual report to the War Department, says that the troops of the department have been in the field a great portion of the year, quelling armed uprisings and preventing slave trade and kindred abuses. He says that in almost every instance actual fighting was initiated by the Moros.

"Conditions among the Moros throughout the department are generally peaceful," says General Wood, who adds: "The establishment of civil governments and extension over them of certain laws and regulations has caused some excitement and at times serious resistance, especially the law prohibiting slavery, slave dealing and slave catching. In some sections active hostility has been engendered by our presence, especially in the Lake Lanao region, where almost constant murderous attacks on workmen and soldiers were the rule until the effects of the recent expeditions to the Taraca side of the lake combined with expeditions to other sections of the Lanao were felt by the Moros."

The power of the Moros of that section, he says, has been completely broken.

All's party, the report adds, is the only band of Moros now openly hostile and it is being followed by troops and scouts.

General Wood says it is not believed there will be any serious resistance of authority by the Moros in the future, but there will be constant work of a police character requiring the use of troops and constabulary.

HARD YARN SPINNERS.

A General Meeting Called to be Held in Charlotte January 5th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 20.—A general meeting of the hard yarn spinners of the South has been called to be held in Charlotte on January 5th, when matters of vital interest to the trade will be considered. A circular letter was mailed to-day to all the spinners interested, urging their attendance. This course was decided upon at a meeting of the advisory board last night, when the situation was considered and discussed at length.

The recent slump in cotton brought about a chaotic condition in the yarn market and the spinners feel that it is necessary for them to be "up and doing" if they would avert something that might be close akin to a trade catastrophe. When the price dropped, many mills were loaded up with the raw material bought at high prices and the matter that now concerns them is getting rid of their products without a loss.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Adjourned Yesterday for Term—Unimportant Matters Decided at the Finish.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.—The Supreme Court adjourned for the term to-day. Opinions were handed down as follows: Whitehart vs. Railway, from Burke, Jones vs. Warehouse Company, from Forsyth, affirmed; State vs. Smith, from Bladen, new trial; Holland vs. Railroad, from Moore, new trial; Rollins vs. Ebbs, from Haywood, new trial; Porter vs. Armstrong, from Pender, per curiam, petition dismissed, the matter having been adjusted in another proceeding.

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DAY OF TORMENT FOR NAN PATTERSON

The Former Show Girl Again on Rack of Cross-Examination by State's Attorney.

FOR KILLING CÆSAR YOUNG.

She Proved Herself a Marvel of Self Control—A Dramatic Climax in Which She Enacted the Death Scene in the Cab.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—After a day of torment, facing the merciless cross-examination of Prosecutor Rand, Nan Patterson, the former show girl, went to her cell in the Tombs to night tired but happy. For several hours she sat under the galling cross-fire of the assistant district attorney, who probed the events of her life from the day she met Caesar Young, for the killing of whom she is being tried, until the moment of his tragic death. No detail was too trivial to escape the attention of the State's attorney, but with scarcely an exception the accused actress proved a marvel of self-control.

Only once did Mr. Rand confuse her greatly. In going over the conversation between her and Young at the Gravesend track Miss Patterson testified that Young gave as a reason for sailing to Europe the fact that he was *afraid Mrs. Young might* harm him or the prisoner. *Miss Patterson finally* admitted that she recalled only an incident which had happened in San Francisco.

At times she parried the sharp questions of her inquisitor, but when he pinned her down to a definite question her answer was frankness itself. Miss Patterson talked in a low clear voice, punctuating her evidence here and there with expressions of much spirit. In the course of one of her answers she exclaimed in a voice ringing with sincerity:

"I have always tried to be truthful and honorable."

Miss Patterson was led over the same ground to-day as yesterday, but in a manner manifestly different, for to-day she was under the rapid fire questioning of the man who has handled the case against her and legal pitfalls were to be expected.

There were few striking admissions made by the witness, despite the very searching questions asked. Noticeable amongst these, however, was the story of the money given by the bookmaker to Miss Patterson during their year's acquaintance. At one time the sum was $2,800, at another $2,500 and at others $1,500 or 1,800. She did not know the total amount and could not state whether it would total $50,000, but acknowledged that Young was a very generous man and gave her money whenever she asked.

Miss Patterson said that Young was fearful Mrs. Young would kill him and possibly the actress also, and for that reason wished her to flee to Europe with him. Later she modified this under the battery of the prosecutor.

The dramatic climax of to-day's court scene came with the pantomime enacted by Miss Patterson and the district attorney's messenger, showing the death scene in the cab. Seated side by side on a platform facing the court and the jury, the messenger, under the tutelage of the former show girl, grasped her wrists and they swayed back and forth as the prisoner said she and Caesar Young had done just before the shooting.

With the calm reserve of one accustomed to play to thousands, Miss Patterson without a tremor went over the scene and by her interpretation tried to make it clear that Young had taken his own life.

Throughout the two hours and forty minutes that Miss Patterson faced the cross-examination to-day, few shadows of emotion crossed her pale face. She had evidently nerved herself for an ordeal, but when it was over a reaction came and she trembled violently. Arising from the chair, she bowed to Judge Davis and the Earl of Suffolk, who sat beside him, and to the jurors. Then gathering up her skirts, she ran down to her aged father, who sat by her counsel's table, and buried her face on his shoulder. He kissed her affectionately and said softly, "You did splendidly, little girl."

This scene closed the evidence for the defence.

Mr. Rand a little later called Mrs. Young, the widow of Caesar Young, in rebuttal. In her testimony she said she had purchased the ticket for the trip abroad for herself and husband and that she had done so at the instigation of Mr. Young and not of her own volition as intimated by Miss Patterson.

When both sides rested, Judge Davis said he wished the case to go to the jury to-morrow and after a conference between opposing counsel it was agreed that the closing speeches should be limited to three hours each.

Mr. Levy will speak in the morning and Mr. Rand in the afternoon.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon Judge Davis will deliver his charge and then the fate of the former show girl will rest in the hands of the jury.

THE SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Attorney for Protestants Ready to Rest His Case—Case for Respondent Will be Opened on January 10th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senator Reed Smoot investigation to-day reached the period where counsel for the protestants have concluded the examination of all persons that could be reached by the subpoenas issued by the Senate committee. Attorney Tayler announced that he was ready to rest his case, except for the introduction of documentary evidence and possibly to examine later some persons on whom it has been impossible to get service. The case of the respondent will be opened January 10th to which date the hearings have been adjourned.

Just before adjournment of the committee opposing counsel engaged in a controversy over the admissibility of certain reference works as evidence of the doctrines of the Mormon faith. No agreement could be reached and after heated arguments Mr. Tayler recalled Apostle Penrose to identify certain reference books. In a number of instances Mr. Penrose denied that the works had been accepted by the church as authoritative publications and that many of the matters contained in the documents were subject to dispute. Chairman Burrows ruled that the utterances of leaders of the church may be offered as tending to prove doctrines of the church organization.

The expulsion of John W. Ritchie from the New York Stock Exchange was yesterday announced on the Exchange. Mr. Ritchie was expelled by the board of governors on the ground that he had been guilty of irregular trading.

TO ATTACK RUSSIAN BALTIC SQUADRON.

Powerful Japanese Squadron Sailing South—British Blockade Runners Seized by Japanese Steamers

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong says he has learned on trustworthy authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battleships and armored cruisers is proceeding south, accompanied by fifteen colliers and transports, to attack the Russian Baltic squadron.

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—The Japanese protected cruiser Tsushima seized the British steamer Nigretia, bound for Vladivostok, off Ulsan, Cores, yesterday. An examination of the Nigretia's cargo showed she had a large quantity of contraband of war on board. She was sent to Sasebo for trial before the prize court.

The British steamer King Arthur was captured while attempting to leave Port Arthur yesterday by the Japanese guard ship Asagiri. It is understood the King Arthur took supplies to Port Arthur. She had on board Russian officers, who were attempting to join the Russian second Pacific squadron. The King Arthur was taken to Sasebo for trial.

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—Observations taken at Port Arthur to-day showed the Sevastopol to be listing several degrees, probably as a result of the last Japanese torpedo attacks.

More Russian Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the war, and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the Far East. It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by Spring, when the problem of food and fuel will be easier met and the transportation of the troops will create less strain upon the trans-Siberian railway. It will bring General Kuropatkin's effective force, roughly estimated, to 680,000.

THE BRITT-NELSON FIGHT.

Britt the Winner of the Contest at the End of the Twentieth Round—A Large Audience.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MECHANICS' PAVILION, SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—A 35,000 audience was jammed into Mechanics' pavilion tonight, when Jimmy Britt, of this city, and "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago, fought in what was virtually conceded to be a contest for the world's lightweight championship.

At the end of the twentieth round the gong sounded the end of the contest and Referee Roche unhesitatingly placed his hands on the Californian as the winner of the contest.

In the closing round Britt was punching the Chicago boy all over the ring, but his blows lacked sufficient force to put a quietus on his opponent. The fight was an exemplication of how much punishment a human being can endure and not succumb. At several stages of the fight Nelson was badly punished, but he always kept gamely coming up to the firing line and all through the twenty rounds he forced the fighting.

In one or two instances he had the local boy in distress, but Britt's excellent generalship and the advice of his seconds saved him from going too close to the danger point. Nelson is unquestionably a wonder in the pugilistic world. Time after time, taking blows heavy enough to put an ordinary fighter out, he would come up apparently in his early form and bring the fighting to Britt.

Referee Roche announced that he gave the fight to Britt on cleaner hitting and the greater number of points scored and a retrospect of the fight bears out the justness of his decision.

Round 20 and last—Nelson waded in desperately but could not locate the shifty local lad who suddenly hooked two fearful lefts to the jaw following it with another, staggering Nelson a bit. They fought in the centre of the ring and exchanged right and left swings to the face. In a clinch Referee Roche had his hands full, separating the belligerents. The fighting was fearful. Britt waded in with right and left swings to Nelson's jaw and the gong clanged, denoting that the battle was over. Referee Roche promptly awarded the decision to Britt. The decision was greeted with mingled cheers and hisses.

CONSECRATION SERVICES.

Rev. Albion W. Knight Will be Elevated to the List of Bishops of the Episcopal Church To-day in Atlanta.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 20.—The imposing consecration services of the Protestant Episcopal church, by which Rev. Albion W. Knight will be elevated to the list of bishops of the church, will be observed here to-morrow. Mr. Knight was elected at the recent general convention of the church held at Boston, to be missionary bishop of Cuba. The occasion will bring to Atlanta many of the leading bishops in this country besides many clergy from various parts of the country and many prominent laymen. Bishop D. S. Tuttle, of Missouri, presiding bishop of the church, will be in charge of the ceremony; the ordination sermon will be preached by Bishop Sessums, of New Orleans. Other bishops who will attend and have part in the ceremonies are: W. B. Gray, Florida; W. H. Moreland, California; C. M Beckwith, Alabama; E. G. Weed, Florida; T. D. Bratton, Mississippi; J. B. Cheshire, North Carolina; R. H. Weller, Wisconsin; C. K. Nelson, Georgia, and Ellison Capers, South Carolina.

FALL RIVER MILLS.

No Change in the Strike Situation—The Unions Willing to Arbitrate.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 20.—At a meeting held to-day five textile unions voted in favor of the proposition to submit the labor troubles involved in the long pending strike to arbitration. The vote was practically unanimous in each case. It is understood the manufacturers are reluctant to accept the arbitration proposal, most of them having gone on record unofficially as opposing it.

President Golden of the United Textile Workers, says if the mill owners will not arbitrate the "strike will be fought to a finish."

Two freight trains, each drawn by two engines, crashed together on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad yesterday. Two trainmen were killed and one was badly scalded. A misunderstanding of orders was the cause. The four engines were demolished and a score of cars were derailed and reduced to splinters.

BUILDING CRUSHED AT MINNEAPOLIS.

High Wall Toppled Over in a Gale on the Croker Hotel, a Three-story Structure.

IT FELL WITHOUT WARNING.

Fourteen People Were Caught in the Crushed Structure—Eight of Them Killed—Remarkable Escapes, Property Loss Small

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck building, on Fifth street, south, which was left standing by the great fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early to-day on the Croker Hotel, a three-story structure adjoining. The tons of brick and mortar crashed completely down through the flimsily constructed building, carrying floors and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster and the fourteen persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight of them were killed. The dead are: Hans Anderson, James Hamilton, C. M. Kenyon, William Lillyblade, Mrs. Jennie Murray, William Emerson. William Bray, Joseph Violet.

A responsibility for the accident will be the subject of a thorough investigation. J. G. Houghton, city building inspector, made an inspection of the standing walls yesterday, but had given no orders concerning them. He had early ordered the demolition of the other parts of the walls that seemed likely to fall. The total loss is $16,000, fully insured.

C. L. Smith's premonition of trouble saved his life. He roomed in the Croker building, but was nervous and could not sleep. Twice he arose, dressed and went outside to see what the wind was doing. The second time he told a policeman he thought the wall unsafe. The officer laughed at the idea; but his laughter had not ceased before the wall fell. Mrs. Anna McNevins had a remarkable escape. She was on the second floor in bed when the crash came. The fire men took her out of her bed in the basement. The debris had arched over her in such a way as to preserve her entirely from injury.

NEW YORK BANKERS.

Annual Banquet—President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, One of the Speakers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Nearly five hundred members of Group Eight of the New York Bankers' Association, comprising the leading men of finance of New York city and vicinity, attended the group's fifteenth annual banquet at the Waldorf Astoria to-night. Among the speakers was President Alderman of the University of Virginia, who spoke to the toast, "Practical Idealism." Those present included J. Pierpont Morgan, Hamilton Fish, assistant treasurer of the United States; Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan and Morris O. Jesup.

WARM WIRELETS

Four men were killed and their bodies terribly mangled as the result of a boiler explosion at the saw mill of B. F. Redwine, near Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Pa.

Governor John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, has moved toward the settlement of the strike in Fall River, having tendered his good offices and urged a termination of the conflict.

Lloyd T. Smith, one of the most prominent lawyers in Virginia, and a member of the Democratic State committee, died at his home in Northumberland county, aged about fifty-five.

The national gunners' organization, which was formed in Dallas, Texas, has adjourned, subject to call from the president. A resolution was voted down providing for a decreased cotton acreage next year.

A cablegram has been received at the State Department in Washington, from the Acting American consul at Asuncion, Paraguay, stating that the revolution has been successful and that peace has been proclaimed.

At a farm near Victoria, Texas, a double tragedy was enacted. Neil Stubbs, a young farmer, rejected, it is said, by Miss Julia Mischuiks, shot her to death and then put a bullet into his own brain.

After a lingering illness of three years, due to the infirmities of old age, Right Rev. Richard Phelan, bishop of the Pittsburg diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, died yesterday at St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, Idlewood, Pa.

Gifts amounting to $437,370 were announced by President Harper last night at the fifty-third quarterly convocation of the University of Chicago. John D. Rockefeller gave $345,000 for current expenses and $60,000 for improvements to the heating plant.

The Peachtree street residence of J. K Orr, one of Atlanta's wealthiest merchants, was entered in broad daylight yesterday and robbed of between three and four thousand dollars worth of jewelry. The robbery was perpetrated by a stylishly dressed young white man.

Patriotic ladies at Charlottesville, Va., and the University of Virginia are at work to secure a fund to place in the rotunda at the University two bronze tablets, bearing the names of the 481 alumni of the University who lost their lives in the service of the Confederacy.

Former Governor James P. Eagle died at Little Rock, Ark., after an illness of three weeks. He was governor of Arkansas from 1889 to 1893. He had been president of the Baptist State Convention twenty-one years. He was also president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A dispatch from Bremen, Germany, says: As a result of a collision with a stone quay here, the British steamer Fernfield, Capt. Davies, from Wilmington, N. C., has several plates stove and some frames broken. After discharging, the vessel probably will be docked for an examination.

A disastrous storm which suddenly burst on the northern coast of Portugal has caused great loss of life. From reports already received eighteen fishermen were drowned and six hundred others have been rendered destitute. A ferry boat was also capsized and fourteen persons were drowned.

Death was the probable fate of the crew of the schooner Richard S. Leaming, which was driven ashore on Long Shoal, Mass., last Sunday. Both of the schooner's yawl boats were found aboard her, one of them having been smashed to splinters. It is supposed that the crew took to the rigging and when it was carried away they fell with it into the ocean.

ALLEGED BURGLARS ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.

John Collins, of Wilmington, N. C., One of Six Men Held for Bank Robbery at Lapaka and Mt. Airy, Md.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Ten of the alleged "yeggmen" arrested here two weeks ago were given hearings before Police Magistrate Ochs to-day. Three of them were turned over to the United States authorities and committed to jail for further hearing by United States Commissioner Rogers, six were held for the action of the authorities of Charles and Carroll counties, and one, William Rowe, was dismissed.

Those who appeared before Commissioners Rogers and were held for a further hearing together with the charges against them were: James Sherwood, charged with robbing the postoffice at Bowdoin, Me., on July 13, 1904; James King, charged with robbing the postoffice at Latta, S. C., in November, 1903, and John Adams, who it is alleged broke into the postoffice at Manassas, Va., on November 18, 1903. Postoffice Inspector Hooten, of Charleston, S. C., swore out the warrants against the three men, each of whom has several aliases. Evidence if being collected against other members of the gang by the United States authorities.

The six prisoners who were held by Justice Ochs for the action of the Charles and Carroll county authorities on the charge of robbing the Southern Maryland Savings Bank at Lapaka, on November 24 last, and the attempted robbery of the Mount Airy Bank, on December 8th, are recorded on the police dockets as William Smith, Newark, N. J.; John Collins, Wilmington, N. C.; John Smith, Chicago; Frank Burns, New Haven, Conn., and James Gallagher and Lewis Camp who gave Baltimore as their residence.

TWO OHIO BANKS SUSPEND.

Runs on Two Concerns—Result of the Exposure of the Chadwick Matter. Both Claim to be Solvent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CONNEAUT, O., Dec. 20.—The First National Bank of Conneaut, and the Marine Bank of Conneaut Harbor, did not open their doors for business today. The suspension resulted from runs on both concerns during the past few days. Officials claim the concerns are entirely solvent and declare that business will be resumed again in a short time. The two banks are closely affiliated, O. C. Lilley the cashier of the First National, being the president of the Marine Bank of Conneaut Harbor. Cashier O. C. Lilley made the following statement to-day, on behalf of the First National Bank: "Ever since the exposure of the Chadwick matter, our depositors have been withdrawing their funds. We don't hold any Chadwick paper, but there was a general feeling of unrest. The money has been taken out gradually, but on Saturday $50,000 was withdrawn. On Monday practically all the remaining cash on hand was taken."

CHILDREN CREMATED.

Burned to Death in Their Homes Near Elberton, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 20.—A special to the Telegraph from Elberton, Ga., says that at the Swift cotton mills three children lost their lives by fire in the last two days. Two were children of Mr. Smith, an operative, and were burned to death before assistance could reach them after their clothing had caught. The next day the child of Mr. Strickland, another operative, suffered a similar fate.

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We want to put a velvet collar on your Overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club. no 5 tf

Hello! Call phone No. 1129. D. A. Bowan, Practical Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Plumber and Gas Fitter, 218 Market St. no 20 3 m

Furnished rooms for rent. Hot and cold bath on same floor. Apply 218 Walnut street, two blocks from A. C. L. Station. nov 17 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 18 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Sewing Machines, typewriters. Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street dec 20 tf

Did You Ever Drop In The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 207. dec 11 tf

We Pay Your City Car Fare on Purchases Amounting to $2.00 and Over.

REHDER'S,

We Pay Transportation Charges on Out of Town Orders Amounting to $5 & over

WE GIVE PREMIUM PUNCH CARDS.

Extraordinary Display and Very Special Prices From Now Till Christmas.

A week more and the usual great Holiday rush will be over. You should come here to do your Christmas shopping. Special prices are offered. The assortments are the largest and most diversified. Then too we pay your car fare.

Some Things To Be Had Here

Handerchiefs, Gloves, Hose,
Nurse Aprons, Underwear,
Children's Fur Sets,
Ladies' Sweaters, Umbrellas,
Trble Linens, Towels,
Embroidered Collars,
Fascinators, Women's Hats,
Misses' Sailo Women's Shoes,
Children's Shoes, House Slippers, Fleeced Soles,
Waist Silks,
Decorated China,
Silver Novelties,
Calendars,
Christmas Cards,
Gold Clocks,

Shaving Sets, Toilet Sets,
Cut Glass Bowls, Hair Brushes, Picture Frames,
Tree Ornaments, Albums,
Clothes Baskets,
Men's Hats, Men's Caps,
Men's Overcoats, Men's Suits
Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Sweaters, Men's Sweaters, Men's Shoes, Fancy vests, Toys, Fireworks, Dolls, Vases, Guitars, Mandolines, Watches, Watch Fobs, Safety Razors.

Store open till 9 P. M. until Christmas. All goods delivered when you want them. Out of town orders given prompt attention.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 17 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth Streets.

SOLE AGENTS —FOR— SHOES.

Look in Our Window and see some of the New Arrivals.

LARGE LOT OF **Douglas Shoes** for Men and Boys just received. Also an instalment of

"Florsheim's Latest"

AT $5.00.

None better at any price.

Kippendorf-Dittmann Co.'s, with lots of other Ladies' FINE FOOTWEAR just in; also Misses, Children and Infant's Tans; they are Beauties.

See us before you buy elsewhere.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.

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Suggestions for Xmas.

A Dinner Set.
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

de 4 tf 119 Market street.

"Co Coa Nuts"
"Co Coa Nuts"
"CO COA NUTS."

Got more than we need

Will move them near cost.

—TRY US.—

The F. E. Hashagen Co.

Wholesale Candies, Cigars, etc.

210-212 N. Water St. Phone 447.

de 18 tf

NOTICE!

On January 2nd, 1905,

The City will begin to GARNISHEE Wages and LEVY on Personal Property for

CITY TAXES

not paid by that date.

If forced to levy costs will be added to the tax.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

B. F. KING,

City Tax Collector.

dec 15 till ja 2 th su tu

Everything —FOR— Christmas.

Full line of Candies, Nuts and Fruit for the Holiday trade. Get our prices before buying elsewhere. Full weight and quick delivery.

Our line of Fireworks was never more complete. Would be pleased to quote prices to the trade.

JNO. W. PLUMMER, JR.
'Phone 680. 204 Princess St.
dec 18 tf

Gaylord's Store,

206, 208, 210 Front Street.

We are ready for holiday trading and have made long and careful preparations to do the biggest selling of Holiday Goods ever before done in this city. Thousands of dollars worth of the world's best and choicest merchandise collected under one roof, embracing every avenue of Art and Fashion, the useful as well as ornamental, the expensive as well as the inexpensive, and things that will delight the little folks and the things that will make their elders happy—all here in profusion not even attempted elsewhere, and all here at prices that will bring them within reach of all.

Aprons—Ladies' white lawn aprons, plain and trimmed, some with bibs for nurses, good quality, now 25c.

Rugs and Art Squares—We have in a great variety of patterns and prices handsome designs that are appropriate or useful gifts to mothers, wives or sisters.

Ladies' Purses and Shopping Bags—An absolute necessity to every woman and a gift that would be greatly appreciated. Purses and card cases in all the popular colors, and each grade the best that can be bought for the price, 25c to $2.

Dress Suit Cases and Hand Bags—Big line.

Ladies' Wraps and Furs are here, ready for gift buyers and are priced very low for such quality as they are made of. To see is to appreciate.

35c. Fringe Linen Towels, this week 25c.

Umbrellas—Another choice gift, and we have them for ladies and gentlemen in all grades, from 50c. to $2.50.

Men's fancy silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, 50c to $1

Neckwear is always appreciated by the men and we claim the swellest line to be seen here. String, midget, club, four in hand and tecks, great variety of patterns, for 25c each.

Millinery—Our line is complete. Ladies' fancy collars 25c to $1.

Handkerchiefs—Our handkerchief stock has received special attention for the holiday trade and is the largest we have ever had—5, 10, 15 and 25c.

Shoes—And don't forget our shoes for ladies, men and children. You know what they are and they would be appreciated as a gift by man, woman and child.

Royal Cuticle Soap—Price 10 cents; sale price, 3 for 10 cents. See our window display.

Fine huck towels, 18 by 36 inches, 15c value, special price, 10c each.

Don't fail to visit our new store for toys of all kinds.

Furniture—We are headquarters in style and low in price.

GEO. O. GAYLORD.

Sole Agent for Crossett Shoes and McCall's Patterns.

Send us your mail orders. dec 11 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

NO. 9 NORTH FRONT ST.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

TIMELY HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Your Christmas Shopping: 'Twere well 'twere done quickly.

Not only because you will then have time to think of everybody you want to remember, and will not be likely to forget some particular friend in the rush at the end, but because you can get exactly what you want, in the uncrowded hour, before the hurry begins; satisfy yourself, as well as the giver; and, as a rule, save money by not having desperate recourse, at last, to more expensive and less appropriate gifts.

The moral—of yearly repetition—is: Begin your Christmas buying early.

And "Polvogt's" is the Christmas store.

We have the largest assortment of Dolls in the City—Full assortment of Toilet sets, Shaving Sets, &c. &c.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

dec 10 tf

OUR DIAMOND JEWELRY compares favorably in quality with the exhibitions of the metropolitan establishments.

Our Lines of Enameled Brooches Novelties in Silver and Gold. Our Art Glassware and China

have been replenished by packages received on Saturday. We solicit an early inspection of our Christmas stock which is brighter and better than ever.

GEORGE HONNET,

Jeweler and Silversmith,

dec 11 tf 12 North Front street.